

THE OLD MAIDS TOOK THE TOWN
Graded School Entertainment—The County Bridge Barely Saved—Colored Normal School Exercises—Personal Paragraphs.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, May 25.
The city graded school entertainment in the armory of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry last evening attracted a very large gathering of people, who, from their generous applause of the performance, felt themselves well repaid for their attendance. Captain Pemberton McNeill's excellent zouave drill of boys was first "pulled off" and went off with due honors, as did the closing number, the "The Old Maid's Convention," which was a very fine program, the drill of the red, white and blue. But the "Old Maid's Convention" took the cake. It was witty, handsomely stage mounted, and full of genuine hits from beginning to end. The stars of the dramatic personae were Mr. Will Broadfoot, whose acting was really fine; Miss Meanon Slocumb, who tripped it on the boards, a very fairly of graceful dance; Miss Shields, a passing sweet singer; and Miss Robinson, who gave the audience perfection in the burnt cork gestic art.

The county bridge over the Cape Fear escaped the flood yesterday—and it just did. At noon, when the waters began to subside, there was very grave danger, as the Sherman freshet of 1895—567 feet, and the populist freshet of 1894—582 feet, had both been exceeded. Guards were on the lookout, carefully considering the situation; and, had it been necessary, the bridge would have been burned, rather than let the immense mass of timbers and wood-work be swept down on the costly iron railroad bridge.

The closing exercises of the State Colored Normal School, of which Prof. E. E. Smith is superintendent, are now going on but commencement day is Monday, the 27th instant. Rev. J. A. Whitfield, A. M., addresses the literary societies; Rev. W. J. Sides, A. M., preaches the baccalaureate sermon; and Prof. N. C. Bruce, Dean of Shaw university, delivers the annual oration. Prof. E. E. Smith, who was the United States minister to Liberia under the administration of Grover Cleveland, worthily maintained the mantle of the last named Robert Harris; and, by his scholarly gifts and his exceptional executive ability, has made this school one of the most useful colored educational institutions in the whole South.

A very pleasant German was given last evening complimentary to Mrs. Ernest Cook, who did not need this debut to secure a hearty welcome with Fayetteville people. The dance was led by Mr. John C. Bruce, and Remsburg's fine orchestra furnished the music.

Mr. Roy H. McDuffie, president of the Hurk Hardware Company, and the new chief of the fire department, is now reorganizing the engine and hose companies.

A local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy is to be organized in Fayetteville, and the meeting for the formation of the chapter will take place next Thursday, at the residence of Mrs. J. K. Kyle, on Green street.

Sheriff G. A. Burns will have his street horse and carriage parade, celebrating his 18th anniversary in the lively and safe stable business, on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Messrs. Tyson and Colerider, enterprising business men, who have been in Fayetteville for the past few days, are negotiating, this correspondent is informed, for the purchase of valuable property here.

Misses Martha Williams and Lucille Murchison, of Wilmington, are visiting friends in this city and county.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY
Programme of Commencement Exercises—Athletic Champions.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)
Chapel Hill, N. C., May 25.
Final examinations are now on and they will continue till the 30th, when college closes and the following week is commencement. The exercises this commencement will be of a high and entertaining order.

Sunday morning June 2nd the annual baccalaureate sermon before the senior class will be delivered by Rev. Carter H. Jones, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., one of the most distinguished divines of the Baptist church.

Monday, June 3rd will be given up to the literary societies. These will be reunion exercises of the members and a debate at night.

Tuesday, June 4th is senior class day and it is always one of the most interesting of the whole exercises. At 10 o'clock in Gerrard hall the senior class exercises will be held. At 12 o'clock the reunion of the classes of 1891 occurs. At 12:30 o'clock the alumni address will be delivered by Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville. At 1:30 o'clock alumni luncheon will be served in commons hall.

The Board of trustees will meet at 3:30 o'clock in Person hall and at 5:30 o'clock the closing exercises of the senior class will be held on the campus.

At 8 o'clock the annual debate between the Dialectic and Philanthropic literary societies will take place in Gerrard hall.

At 10 o'clock p. m. the Faculty give a reception to the visitors.

Wednesday, June 5th is commencement. The programme is as follows: Address by Dr. J. H. Kirkland, chancellor of Vanderbilt university. The President's Report.

Delivery of diplomas by Governor Aycock.

Presentation of Bibles to the seniors. Then begins the festivities of the week, beginning with the senior ball, Wednesday night and evening, Thursday, with the final German.

The marshals are: (Chief) Ivey F. Lewis, of Raleigh; and B. S. Drane, E. G. Moss, C. M. Byrnes, J. S. Henderson, Jr., G. Gregory, R. M. Duffy.

Music for all the week will be furnished by the First Regiment band, of Richmond, Va., and the managers are (Chief) W. A. Murphy, of Morganton; and J. E. Ramsey, H. G. Turner, W. R. Capehart, Louis Graves, Frank Smatters and M. Makely, Jr.

The prospect for an unusually large crowd is very promising.

The most signal event in the athletic life of the university for several years was the recent inter-collegiate track contest held in New Orleans, La., at which Carolina won the championship of the South. Carolina was seriously handicapped by having only five contestants, while the other colleges had a much larger number. Of all the events, our representatives did not enter any of the hurdle races, the quarter mile or the mile, but notwithstanding this they captured five first places, four second places, and one third place, making in all forty-one points, while Vanderbilt came second with thirty-seven points, Tulane third with twenty-six points and Texas fourth.

Drowned While Crossing a Creek
(Correspondence of The Messenger.)
Weldon, N. C., May 25.
Edward Wilcox, of Portsmouth, Va., traveling salesman for Hume, Menor & Co., and a 14-year-old son of J. H. Narmon, were drowned in a creek between Weldon and Halifax last night about 9 o'clock. The river had backed into the creek and the water was over fifteen feet deep in the road. The young men did not think it was dangerous to cross. They drove in and were turned over. The horse broke loose from the buggy and ran back to Halifax. A search was at once made by people from Halifax and Weldon and the bodies were found this morning. They were just eight feet apart when found.

The news of the drowning of the young men has created the deepest sympathy for the bereaved families.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. C. Meares, of Haddock was on our streets yesterday.

Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, was on our streets yesterday.

Mr. G. T. Jones, of Rocky Point, was on our streets yesterday.

Mr. W. L. Harrell, of Hamilton, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

Messrs. E. Boney and James Teachey, of Teachey, were here on business yesterday.

Dr. George F. Lucas, of Currie, is in the city accompanied by his charming daughter Miss Thyra Lucas.

Miss Elena Mintz, of Southport, came up to the city last evening to go on the trip to the Woodmen of the World to New Bern today.

Messrs. T. L. Vines, George Y. Watson, T. H. Doshier, and Fred R. Mintz, of Southport, came up to the steamer Wilmington yesterday evening to take in the excursion to New Bern today.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

The situation at Jacksonville constantly improving.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 25.—The situation in the city today is much the same as yesterday, and everything is quiet. The work of the executive committee today consisted in paying the laborers for the work of the week. Chairman Stockton of the labor bureau announced that he would reduce his force on the streets between 75 and 100 Monday, owing to the report from the lumber mills that they needed men to work in the mills and owing to the fact that there is plenty of work for able bodied men at other work than that of the city.

Several permanent buildings are in the course of construction and workmen who have been working on the streets may secure employment on these buildings.

Double rations were served at the commissaries today so that the people will not be compelled to visit the places for supplies on Sunday.

In a meeting of the Jacksonville board of trade today, President Garner and S. B. Hubbard, one of the wealthiest men in the city, spoke in high terms of the fairness and liabilities of the insurance companies.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. H. H. H.*

The Platt Amendment Accepted.

Havana, May 25.—The majority report of the constitutional convention committee on relations was withdrawn today and there was submitted for it a report, drawn up by five delegates, Messrs. Gilberg, Berrill, Quessada, Tena and Villanueva. This report is signed by the last three named, constituting a majority of the committee on relations. It accepts the Platt amendment, adding an appendix including Secretary Root's explanation which is quoted as being official and explanations from Governor General Wood authorized by Secretary Root with additional explanations of clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, as previously cabled.

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For Infants and Children.

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A Mysterious Bank Robbery.

Miner Point, Wis., May 25.—The first national bank of this city was robbed early today of \$20,000 or more, mostly currency. Insurance covers the full amount of the loss. There is no clue to the robbers.

A British Steamer Stranded.

Cape Henry, Va., May 25.—The British steamer Robinia, Chaleston to Baltimore, stranded off this station this afternoon, during a dense fog. Captain Nelson Holmes and the crew of the Cape Henry life saving station boarded the vessel with the life boat. Captain Lash, of the steamer, stated that the accident which occurred at 4:50 o'clock p. m. was due to very heavy fog which set in at 1:40 o'clock and lasted till 6:25 o'clock p. m. The Robinia lies just inside Cape Henry, between the light and the shore. She is apparently uninjured. A Merritt Wrecking tug has arrived, but probably will not be able to render assistance before daylight. The captain and crew of the steamship remain aboard.

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Charged With Stealing the Gold

Berlin, May 25.—Theodore Magers, the bedroom steward of the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, who, in April last at Bremen, found the three gold bars behind a cornice in the corridor outside the second class saloon, which had been missed from the specie room on the arrival of the steamer at Cherbourg, and who claimed and obtained the reward of 10,000 marks offered for the recovery of the gold, has been arrested at Bremerhaven, at the instance of the North German Lloyd Company, charged with being the man who abstracted the gold from the specie room.

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WILMINGTON MARKETS

Wilmington May 25.
Receipts of cotton today—30 bales.
Receipts same day last year—15 bales.
This season's receipts to date—256, 529 bales.
Receipts to same day last year—278, 639 bales.

The quotations quoted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange:

COTTON—Firm.
Ordinary.....5 7-16
Good ordinary.....6 1-16
Low middling.....7 1-16
Middling.....7 3-16
Good Middling.....8 1-16
Same day last year—Nothing doing.

NAVAL STORES
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.
TAR—Quiet at \$1.25.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Steady; hard \$1.10; soft \$2.10.

Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine 43 1/2¢ and 45¢; rosin 41 1/2¢ and 43 1/2¢; tar \$1.40; crude turpentine hard \$1.85; soft \$2.90.

Receipts today—41 casks of spirits turpentine, 90 barrels of rosin, 28 barrels of tar, 88 barrels of crude turpentine.

Receipts same day last year—98 casks of spirits turpentine, 141 barrels of rosin, 175 barrels of tar, 103 barrels of crude turpentine.

PRODUCE.
SALT—100's 51¢; 125's 52¢; 150's 51¢; 200's 50¢; 250's F. F. \$1.35; in less than car lot.

DRY SALTED SIDES—9c.
BUTTER—24 to 26c.
COFFEE—9 to 11 1/2c.

PLUMS—Straights \$4.00; 2nd patents \$4.25; full \$4.75.

MOLASSES—S. House, 15c; New Orleans Brights 23 to 25c; Porto Rico 30 to 35c; Cuba, 28 to 31c.

W. G. A. (New York prices, freight to be added) granulated \$5.40; W. X. C. No. 5 4.90; No. 9 \$4.50; No. 11 \$4.50.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.
PEANUTS—North Carolina, fancy, 75 to 80c; prime 65 to 70c; Virginia 40 to 60c; Spanish 30 to 90c.

CORN—65 to 67 1/2c.
CORN MEAL—62 1/2 to 67 1/2c.

N. C. Hams—Hals. 12c; shoulders 9c; sides 10 to 11c.

CHICKENS—Steady; hens 25 to 30c; roosters 20 to 25c.

EGGS—Steady at 12c.

SHINGLES—Per 1,000, 5 inch saps, \$2.50; 6 inch hearts, \$2.25; 6 inch saps \$2.50; 6 inch hearts \$1.50.

TIMBER—
Per M feet—Shipping.....\$5.00 to 9.00
Mill, prime.....6.00 to 7.50
Mill, fair.....6.00 to 6.00
Common mill.....5.00 to 6.00
Inferior to ordinary.....5.00 to 4.50

Wilmington, May 25.
Quotations on local securities, furnished and regularly corrected by HUGH MACRAE & CO. Bankers:

A. C. L. of Conn.....15 1/2
A. C. L. of Conn.....85
A. C. L. of Conn.....11 1/2
S. A. L. of Conn.....25
S. A. L. of Conn.....44 1/2
S. A. L. of Conn.....15
W. L. Cotton Mills pfd.....100
W. L. Gas Light Co.....70
Carolina Ins. Company.....110
Underwriter's Ins. Co.....109
Atlantic National Bank.....230
W. L. Savings & Trust Co.....225
Murchison National Bank.....115
People's Savings Bank.....115
Blue Ridge Nat. Bank.....116
Warren Mfg. Co.....105
Abbeville Cotton Mills.....95
Southern Cotton Mills.....97
Piedmont Mfg. Co.....175
Pacole Mfg. Co.....200
F. W. Poe Mfg. Co.....115
Anderson Cotton Mills.....124
Pelzer Mfg. Co.....175
Gaffney Mfg. Co.....182
Clifton Mfg. Co.....175
Orf Mfg. Co.....100
Darlington Mfg. Co.....97
McCull Mfg. Co.....118
Grendel Cotton Mills.....102
Bennettsville Mfg. Co.....101 1/2
Odell Mfg. Co.....109

BONDS.
North Carolina 4's.....107 1/2
North Carolina 5's.....137
City Wilmington 5's 1919.....95
Masonic Temple 2nd 6's.....100 1/2
W. L. Cotton Mills 5's.....82 1/2
A. C. L. of Conn 4's.....97 1/2
A. C. L. of Conn 5's.....97 1/2
A. C. L. of Conn 6's.....117 1/2
W. & W. 7's.....145
S. A. L. 4's.....80
W. L. Cotton Mills 4's.....124
W. L. and New Bern 4's.....100
New Hanover Co. 5's 1910 1/2.....102 1/2

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL.
New York, May 25.—Money on call nominal; prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange nominal with actual business in banker's bills at 4.88 1/2 @ 4.88 3/4 for demand and at 4.84 1/2 for sixty days; posted rates 4.85 1/2 and 4.88; commercial bills 4.84 @ 4.84 1/2; silver certificates nominally 60¢; bar silver 59 1/2¢; Mexican dollars 45 1/2¢; state bonds inactive; railroad bonds steady; government bonds weak.

STOCKS.
Atchison.....77
Baltimore and Ohio.....101 1/2
Chesapeake and Ohio.....45 1/2
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy.....136 1/2
Colorado Southern.....14 1/2
Delaware and Hudson.....162 1/2
Illinois Central.....138 1/2
Louisville and Nashville.....102
Manhattan.....114 1/2
Metropolitan Street Railway.....25 1/2
Mexican Central.....25 1/2
Mexican National.....10 1/2
New Jersey Central.....158
New York Central.....148 1/2
Norfolk and Western pfd.....50 1/2
Northern Pacific.....180
Northern Pacific pfd.....97 1/2
Reading.....42 1/2
Southern Pacific.....47 1/2
Southern Railway.....28 1/2
Southern Railway pfd.....28 1/2
Texas and Pacific.....46 1/2
Union Pacific.....106 1/2
Union Pacific pfd.....87 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS.
American Tobacco Company.....133
Brooklyn Rapid Transit.....75 1/2
Continental Tobacco pfd.....119 1/2
Continental Tobacco.....119 1/2
General Electric.....221
People's Gas.....114
Pullman Palace Car.....204
Sugar.....147 1/2
Tennessee Coal and Iron.....43 1/2
United States Steel pfd.....93
United States Steel.....93
Western Union.....91 1/2

EXPRESS COMPANIES.
Adams Express.....175
American Express.....192
United States.....81
Wells Fargo.....140

BONDS.
United States refunding 2's reg.....106 1/2
United States refunding 2's cou.....106 1/2
United States 3's reg.....109

United States 3's cou.....109
United States new 4's reg.....133
United States new 4's cou.....133
United States old 4's reg.....133
United States 5's reg.....133
United States 5's cou.....108 1/2
L. and N. uni. 4's.....103
New Jersey Central gen 5's.....132
Southern Railway.....117
Virginia Centuries.....95

PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston firm at 7 11-16c; net receipts 4,274 bales.
Wilmington firm at 7 1/2c; net receipts 30 bales.

Savannah quiet at 7 1/2c; net receipts 1,534 bales.

New Orleans quiet and steady at 7 1/2c; net receipts 1,961 bales.

Mobile nominal at 7 1/2c; net receipts 482 bales.

Augusta steady at 6c; net receipts 714 bales.

Charleston steady at 7 1/2c; net receipts 44 bales.

Houston steady at 7 11-16c; net receipts 3,604 bales.

THE NEW YORK MARKET

New York—Cotton quiet at 8 1/4c; net receipts 327 bales; gross 951 bales; sales 350 bales; stock 126,923 bales.

Total today and consolidated—Net receipts 9,418 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,902 bales; to France 417 bales; to continent 7,135 bales; stock 461,145 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 6,907,978 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,785,848 bales; to France 606,559 bales; to continent 2,302,352 bales.

Spot closed quiet 1/8c higher; middling uplands 8 1/4c; middling high 8 1/2c; sales 350 bales.

Futures closed steady. May 7 1/2c; June 7 1/2c; July 7 1/2c; August 7 1/2c; September 7 1/2c; October 7 1/2c; November 7 1/2c; December 7 1/2c; January 7 1/2c; February 7 1/2c.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET.

Chicago, May 25.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

Wheat—No. 2.....73 1/2
May.....73 1/2
July.....73 1/2
Sept.....73 1/2
Corn No. 2.....42 1/2
May.....42 1/2
July.....42 1/2
Sept.....42 1/2
Oats No. 2.....29 1/2
May.....29 1/2
July.....29 1/2
Sept.....29 1/2
Mess pork, per b.....14 1/2
May.....14 1/2
July.....14 1/2
Sept.....14 1/2
Lard, per 100 lbs.....8 1/2
May.....8 1/2
July.....8 1/2
Sept.....8 1/2
Short ribs, per 100 lbs.....8 1/2
May.....8 1/2
July.....8 1/2
Sept.....8 1/2
May.....7 1/2
July.....7 1/2
Sept.....7 1/2

NAVAL STORES.

Savannah—Spirits turpentine firm at 32 1/2c; receipts 1,747 casks; sales 2,383 casks; exports 3,763 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 4,867 barrels; sales 2,072 barrels; exports 1,673 barrels. Quote A. B. C. \$1.10; D. \$1.15; E. \$1.20; F. \$1.25; G. \$1.30; H. \$1.55; I. \$1.85; K. \$2.10; M. \$2.40; N. \$2.75; W. G. \$3.65; W. W. \$3.30.

Chicago—Spirits turpentine firm at 32c; no sales; rosin firm and unchanged.

New York—Rosin quiet; strained, common to good \$1.52 1/2. Spirits turpentine quiet 35 1/2 @ 36c.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.
American schooner Ida C. Schoolcraft, Noye, New York; Geo. Harris, Son & Co.

American schooner, Julia A. Trubee, Swain, New York; Geo. Harris, Son & Co.

Swedish bark Edward, London, Heide & Company.

EXPORTS FOREIGN.
For London, per bark Edward, 6,566 barrels of rosin, valued at \$15,168, cargo by S. P. Shatter Company, vessel by Heide & Co.

VESSLS IN PORT.
Aurora, (Swed.) 552 tons, Cape Town, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.
Lucy Wheatley, (Am.) 180 tons, Taylor, New York, Geo. Harris, Son & Co.

C. C. Lister, (Am.) 267 tons, Robinson, Norfolk, Geo. Harris, Son & Co.

Canada, (Br.) 199 tons, Geo. Harris, Son & Co.

St. Kitts, B. W. L.; J. T. Riley & Co.

Grain and Provisions.
Chicago, May 25.—Today's market was featureless. July wheat closed a shade higher, July corn 1/2c lower, July oats 1/2c higher and provisions from unchanged to a shade lower.

Bank Statement.
New York, May 25.—The statement of the Associated Banks for the week ending today shows: Loans \$858,872,600, decrease \$14,639,500; deposits \$941,116,900, decrease \$10,509,500; circulation \$31,104,700, decrease \$4,300; legal tenders \$76,501,000, increase \$2,183,500; specie, \$180,067,200, increase \$2,178,100; reserve \$256,568,200, increase \$3,861,600; reserve required \$235,278,225, decrease \$2,627,450; surplus \$21,288,975, increase \$7,989,056.

Cotton Futures
New York, May 25.—The cotton market opened steady, with prices unchanged to 12 points higher. July led Chicago, opening at 7 1/2c against 7 1/8c last night. As a matter of precaution July shorts bought June as a hedge, causing almost equal strength in that position. Trading all the afternoon was excited, but not specially active. A number of southern near month shorts were the leading buyers and seemed desperately afraid that July would reach 8c before the close, as offerings were slim and scaled up from 7 1/2 to 8c. Absence of news from Liverpool, which market was closed on account of Whit Sunday holiday, with rumors of a bad scare of shorts in New Orleans, helped to unnerv the bear interest and to stimulate buying for a further advance. Receipts were heavy, the weather south was fully as good as expected and crop reports showed steady improvement in the condition generally. Claims that large blocks of low grade were coming here from the south, the differences allowing hand-some profits on such shipments now that the market is the highest in the world, appeared to in no way calm July shorts who continued to bid feverishly for large blocks. An advance to 7 1/2c occurred soon after the opening and all the morning the market was strong in an erratic way. The summer months absorbed the bulk of attention, though August failed to rise much above last night's close. Feverish support from shorts kept the market well up to the top during the late session. The market closed inactive with prices net 5 points higher to 5 lower.

The steamer Ohio, from Hull, which arrives at Boston, reports a collision at sea with the Norwegian bark Ellise. The bark went down with fourteen men. One sailor was saved.

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A NINE HOUR DAY'S WORK

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A GENERAL STRIKE TO FOLLOW

The Refusal of the Railroads to Grant this Demand—This Matter to Come up Before the Convention of Machinists—The Strike will Involve One Hundred Thousand Men—Strike Situation Unchanged at San Francisco, but Satisfactory at Other Points.

Washington, May 24.—President J. O'Connell, of the International Association of Machinists, announced this afternoon that he would recommend to the next annual convention of machinists at Toronto, beginning June 3rd that a date be set for a nine hour day without reduction in wages, on all the railroads of the country. On railroads which fail to comply with this demand a strike will be ordered. This recommendation will be made in Mr. O'Connell's annual report. Mr. O'Connell says that such a strike would involve probably 100,000 men, including 40,000 machinists, the others being boiler makers, pattern makers and semi-skilled workmen who work for the machinists in the various shops. The policy will be to enforce the demand by tying up practically the entire mechanical services of the roads. It was simply a matter of policy he said, that the railroads were not included in the present strike. Mr. O'Connell says the convention doubtless will fix a date when the nine-hour day must be in operation and he believes this date should be some day in the autumn.